

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion _____

State: Iowa

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2009

Overall Report
Two-parent Report X (check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? yes
X no

PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)

- Name of eligibility change:** Increase in income disregard
- Implementation date of eligibility change:** August, 2007
- Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to August 2007 FIP cases with earned income received an initial 20% deduction for the earnings followed by a 50% disregard. The remaining net income was then applied against the standard FIP grant for the household. Beginning in August 2007 the disregard was increased to 58%. This change will result in an increase in FIP grant levels for these cases due to the reduction of the net income which will be applied to the grant. Also, it will result in an increase in FIP caseload levels since some families which were previously ineligible for assistance will now become eligible with a greater percentage of their earnings not applied against their FIP grant.

- Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**
For budget purposes it is estimated that 10 additional cases per month will be on FIP which would not have been eligible otherwise due to this change and these cases will remain on assistance for an average of 3 months due to their relatively high income level which could disqualify them when their next scheduled report is due. The 2-parent percentage of all FIP cases for FFY2008 (6.48%) was applied to the all-family figures (157/mo.) to obtain these:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008												Grand Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover	20	10											
Oct	10	10	10										
Nov		10	10	10									
Dec			10	10	10								
Jan				10	10	10							
Feb					10	10	10						
Mar						10	10	10					
Apr							10	10	10				
May								10	10	10			
Jun									10	10	10		
Jul										10	10	10	
Aug											10	10	
Sep												10	
Total	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	360
FY 2008 monthly average													30

The 10 monthly case figure was based upon the number of prior cases closed/denied for earnings. These figures are estimated since no prior history exists in most cases to use for earnings comparisons for new families.

- Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 30(increase)

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1. **Name of eligibility change:** Quarterly reporting rather than monthly reporting

2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** March 2007

3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to March 2007 many FIP cases were required to report on a monthly basis on their circumstances (particularly those with income). Beginning in March 2007 these cases went to a quarterly basis for reporting.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**

An 18-month period was examined (01/2006-06/2007) for the number of cases closed for failure to return a report form. Prior to 03/2007 the average was 36 cases/mo (for cases staying off for at least one month). Following 03/2007 the average went down to 13 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimate of impact for this policy change upon increased monthly FIP caseload will be 23 cases/mo. The change from monthly reporting to quarterly affected cases differently. In some situation this delayed the next review for 2 months, others had a one-month delay and still others would have had their next review at the same time. Therefore, on average it is believed that the impact of this policy change will result in more cases remaining on assistance for a period of one additional month on average since it is believed that an equal proportion of cases would have had their next review 0, 1 or 2 months later:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008											
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Time of Closure												
Prior years carryover												
Oct	23											
Nov		23										
Dec			23									
Jan				23								
Feb					23							
Mar						23						
Apr							23					
May								23				
Jun									23			
Jul										23		
Aug											23	
Sep												23
Total	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
FY 2008 monthly average												23
												Grand Total
												276

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 23(increase)

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1. **Name of eligibility change:** End of suspension of cases going over income due to 3rd/5th check in month.

2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** February 2007

3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to February 2007 FIP cases which received either a third or fifth check for earned income in a given month were suspended from eligibility for a period of one month if their earnings disqualified them from eligibility since it was expected that they would return to eligibility the following month when they returned to a regular 2 –check or 4-check month. Beginning in February 2007 this provision was eliminated and the income in these months is now prorated for only the regularly anticipated 2 or 4 checks.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**

An 18-month period of time was examined (01/2006 – 06/2007) to determine the average number of FIP cases suspended per month in the months before the 2/07 change. Since that figure was 11, it is believed that the number of cases remaining on FIP due to the elimination of this policy is estimated at 11 cases/mo. Since the suspension always lasted for one month, the 11 cases/mo. will only be projected for one month:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover													
Oct	11												
Nov		11											
Dec			11										
Jan				11									
Feb					11								
Mar						11							
Apr							11						
May								11					
Jun									11				
Jul										11			
Aug											11		
Sep												11	
Total	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Grand Total 132
FY 2008 monthly average													11

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:** 11(increase)

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

Impact of All Changes		Caseload Reduction Calculation		
increase in income disregard	30	FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	1,772	
Quarterly reporting	23	FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
Elimination of suspension	11	Total FY 2005 Caseload	1,772	
		FY 2008 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	1,030	
		FY 2008 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	0	
		Total FY 2008 2-Parent Caseload	1,030	
		Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 2008	104	
		Adjusted FY 2008 Caseload	926	
		Caseload Decline	846	47.7%
		Decline – Net Impact	910	
		2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =	47.7%	
Net Impact	64			

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

(signature)

(name)

(title)